

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 09/691,968 Confirmation No. : 6538
Applicant : Pinera, *et al.*
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006 (hereinafter Office Action), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this submission.